

REMARKS

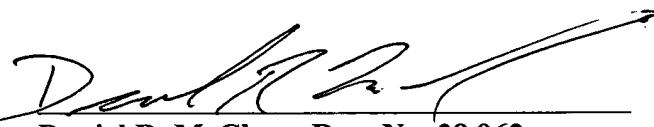
The Office Action mailed June 1, 2005, has imposed an election of species requirement upon the Applicants, alleging that the application is directed to the following two distinct species:

- 1) the species of removing photoresist from SION; and
- 2) the species of removing photoresist from SIO₂.

Applicants hereby elect the second species, with traverse, of removing photoresist from SIO₂. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, as it is Applicants' belief that the two species (both entailing the removal of photoresist from an underlying layer) are not patentably distinct. This species applies to claims 1-7, 11-13, and 14-20. In addition, claims 1-7 and 14 are generic to both species.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response. If, however, any fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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